

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION**

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**BEARING-SUPPORTED DAMPER ASSEMBLY**

the specification of which was filed on July 27, 2000 under Serial No. 09/627,903. I hereby state that I authorized the filing of this application which in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier-filed, pending application Serial No. 08/743,926, filed November 5, 1996.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

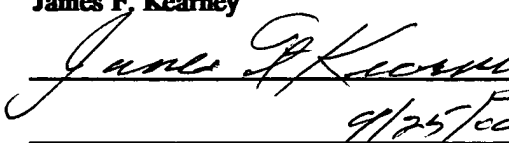
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, C.F.R. 1.56.

And I hereby appoint Fritz L. Schweitzer, Jr., Registration No. 17,402, Michael A. Cornman, Registration No. 20,672, Meyer A. Gross, Registration No. 22,036, Jay A. Bondell, Registration No. 28,188, Fritz L. Schweitzer III, Registration No. 39,363 and Robert I. Pearlman, Registration No. 18,881, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith, and I hereby request that all correspondence herein be directed to:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of prior U.S. application Serial No. 08/743,926, filed on November 5, 1996, and with respect to the subject matter of any claim of this application that is not disclosed in said prior application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and any national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Invention : BEARING SUPPORTED DAMPER ASSEMBLY

Serial No. : 09/627,902

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I hereby declare that I am an independent inventor of the above-identified application or patent.

I hereby declare that the rights in and to the above-identified application or patent have not been assigned or licensed to, and that I am under no obligation to license or to assign such rights to, any organization that, together with any and all of its affiliates, had more than 500 full- and part-time employees within the last 12 months.

I acknowledge my duty in this application or patent, to notify any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status at specified times during the pendency of the application and lifetime of any patent thereon.

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